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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has started the Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) with a view to improve the quality of higher education in the country;
(b) if so, whether RUSA is lagging behind in the important fields like development of the basic infrastructure, universities and the appointment of teachers;
(c) if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether States have prepared any higher education plan on the scheme for upgradation of the universities;
(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
(f) the steps being taken by the Government to expedite action in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Government is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) for providing financial support to proposals contained in State Higher Education Plan (SHEP) approved by the State Higher Education Councils (SHECs) in order to achieve the objectives of equity, access and quality.
(b) & (c): No, Madam. The States have furnished proposals for construction of Model Degree Colleges and upgradation of Colleges to Model Degree Colleges in excess of the approved target for the 12th Plan. The RUSA Project Approval Board (PAB) has already accorded approvals under these components and exhausted the sanctioned targets. Further, 1218 Colleges out of a target of 3500 colleges and 115 Universities out of a target of 150 universities during 12th Plan have been approved for funding support from RUSA. Only, 7 proposals from the states under the component of creation of universities through upgradation of autonomous colleges and 8 proposals of states under the component of creation of universities through clustering of colleges have been approved by the PAB of RUSA as other proposals could not meet the prescribed norms.
The participating States have already given a commitment to lift the ban, if earlier imposed, by them on faculty recruitments in State Government and Government aided Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs).
(d) to (f): Yes, Madam. A total of 115 Universities and 1218 colleges have been approved by RUSA PAB for infrastructure grants. These approvals were accorded to the proposals included in the respective State Higher Education Plans (SHEPs).
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